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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE - MAY 15 HIGHLIGHTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: A SHORT PLENARY REVIEW OF THE PREAMBLE AND  
FINAL CLAUSES PRODUCED NO CONCLUSIONS. COMMITTEE TWO  
CHAIRMAN AGUILAR'S EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE CONTINENTAL SHELF  
PROBLEM FOUNDERED OVER THE SOVIET INSISTENCE ON ITS  
DISTANCE CRITERION. NO OTHER CDMMITTEES OR GROUPS MET.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ONLY THE BROADEST OF INITIAL POSITIONS AND VIEWS ON THE  
PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES WERE EXPRESSED AT A SHORT  
PLENARY MEETING MAY 16. A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS (SUCH AS  
SWITZERLAND, THE UK, COLOMBIA AND ITALY), ADVOCATED A SHORT  
PREAMBLE. OTHER DELEGATIONS (AMONG THEM OMAN, TURKEY,  
ROMANIA, CHINA, CHILE, ALGERIA, AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN)  
CALLED FOR A "COMPLETE" PREAMBLE WITH A FULL LISTING OF  
NIEO, COMMON HERITAGE, AND RELATED "GUIDING PRINCIPLE."  
THERE WAS BROAD RECOGNITION THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO REACH  
A DEFINITE POSITION ON THE QUESTIONS OF FINAL CLAUSES AND  
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RESERVATIONS.

2. NEW ZEALAND'S (AND OTHERS') PROPOSAL TO ALLOW PACIFIC  
TERRITORIES TO BECOME SIGNATORIES, WAS SUPPORTED BY  
VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE G-77 AND EASTERN EUROPEANS. A  
NUMBER OF ARAB AND COMMUNIST STATES LINKED THAT SUGGESTION  
WITH ALGERIA'S ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IN THIS LATTER

AREA, OMAN, ALGERIA, THE PLO, GDR, CHINA, VIETNAM, POLAND, NORTH KOREA ALL CHIMED IN TO ASSERT THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (RECOGNIZED BY THE UN AND INVITED TO BE OBSERVERS AT UNCLOS) SHOULD BECOME PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION.

3. THERE WAS SUPPORT FROM THE UK AND FRANCE (AND SOME BACKING BY EL SALVADOR, CHILE AND URUGUAY) FOR THE DANISH PROPOSAL TO ALLOW THE EEC TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION. SEVERAL LATIN REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT THE EEC MIGHT SOMEHOW BECOME ASSOCIATED IN THE "AREA OF ITS COMPETENCE" BUT NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY.

4. COMMITTEE II CHAIRMAN AGUILAR REPORTED TO A PRIVATE MEETING OF SELECTED LL/GDS AND BROAD MARGIN STATES THAT THE SOVIET REPS ADVISED HIM THAT THE USSR DELEGATION WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE THE IRISH FORMULA AND TO SUPPORT ITS DISTANCE PROPOSAL. IN LIGHT OF THE PROGRESS MADE REGARDING LL/GDS ACCESS TO LIVING RESOURCES, AGUILAR SOUGHT THE VIEW OF A LARGER INFORMAL GROUP AS TO HOW TO PROCEED ON THE MARGIN ISSUE. NO STATE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET FORMULA AND SEVERAL STRONGLY OPPOSED ANY DISTANCE CRITERION. IT WAS DECIDED TO PUT THE DEFINITION OF THE MARGIN ASIDE AND NEGOTIATE THE REVENUE SHARING PERCENTAGES. THE MARGINEERS DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE LL/GDS COULD NEGOTIATE AS A GROUP AND WOULD ONLY PROCEED ON THE CONDITION THAT THE RESULTS WERE TIED TO THE IRISH FORMULA BEING INSERTED IN A NEW TEXT. NO AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS REACHED. CONFIDENTIAL

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(THE SOVIETS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BROADER MEETING.)

5. THE LL/GDS WILL MEET ON MAY 16 TO CONSIDER HOW TO PROCEED. THE BROAD MARGIN STATES (BUT NOT THE US) MAY OPPOSE INSERTING THE LL/GDS FISHING ARTICLES IN THE ICNT IF THE IRISH FORMULA IS NOT ALSO INCLUDED. RICHARDSON

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